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1. Angel Cofino, Secretary General of the Confederacion de Trabajadores de Cuba (CTC) and leader of the Comité Obrero Nacional Independiente (CONI), has a better chance than ever before of controlling the next CTC Congress\* as a result of backing by certain influential government figures.
2. Minister of Government Huben de Leon has taken a great interest in labor matters recently, and his political power is extremely useful to Cofino. Cofino also has the support of Orlando Puentes, Secretary of the Presidency, and Dr. Martin Castellanos, now sub-Secretary of Health, who is an enemy of Senator Eusebio Mujal, Comisión Obrera Nacional (CON) leader.
3. Cofino obtains additional backing from Aureliano Sanchez Arango, Minister of Education, and Dr. Fernandez Conchoso, former Cuban diplomat now in the Ministry of Education.
4. Some of Cofino's support comes from individuals who are more interested in destroying Mujal's political power in Oriente in the 1952 elections than they are in the welfare of the Cuban workers. Mujal is able to claim some friendship with Prime Minister Toni Varona, but he does not have the combined political power that Cofino is developing daily through strong political contacts.
5. Mujal has had little success in arranging an interview with President Carlos Prío Socarras concerning CON, and his enmity with the Minister of Government de Leon, who like Mujal is a political leader in Oriente, is hurting him considerably. Source stated that it was de Leon who arranged for Edgardo Buttari's appointment as Minister of Labor in the Prío Cabinet after Mujal opposed the candidacy of Martin Castellanos for the post. Thereafter, Mujal counted both de Leon and Castellanos as his enemies.

\*The date of the CTC Congress is not yet certain, although there is a possibility that it will be scheduled in April.

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